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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO POLISH EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN,
GIEREK VISIT TO EAST GERMANY WILL LAST ONLY TWO DAYS,
WITH MOST OF PROGRAM COMPRISING PUBLIC PROTOCOLARY EVENTS.
A FRIENDNSHIP TREATY WHICH UPDATES REFERENCES TO THE GDR
WILL BE SIGNED. END SUMMARY.

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1. POLISH EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN HAS PROVIDED DETAILS ON
FORTHCOMING GIEREK VISIT, AS FOLLOWS: POLISH "STATE"
DELEGATION, HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER JAROS ZEWICZ,
AND INCLUDING FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK OF POLISH WORKERS
PARTY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS OTHER PARTIES
AND NATIONAL GROUPINGS, WILL ARRIVE IN EAST BERLIN
BY AIR SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 28. THERE WILL THEN BE

PROTOCOLARY EVENTS, INCLUDING WREATH LAYINGS AND THE SIGNING OF A POLISH-GDR FRIENDSHIP TREATY. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY HONECKER AND GIEREK WILL MEET ALONE, WITH ONLY INTERPRETERS PRESENT. FIFTEEN MINUTES HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED FOR THIS MEETING, WHICH OUR POLISH EMBASSY CONTACT FOUND RATHER TOO SHORT TO ACCOMPLISH ANY SERIOUS PURPOSE. THE DAY'S PROGRAM WILL ALSO INCLUDE A MEETING OF THE POLISH NATIONAL GROUP LEADERS WITH EAST GERMAN COUNTERPARTS, AND A DINNER.

2. AFTER BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING THE POLES WILL DRIVE TO FRANKFURT/ODER FOR A GDR-POLISH MASS YOUTH RALLY WHERE SPEECHES WILL BE DELIVERED. FOLLOWING THE RALLY, THE POLES WILL TAKE LEAVE OF THEIR GDR HOSTS IN A CEREMONY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE ODER, PROCEEDING BY CAR TO A POLISH AIRFIELD ABOUT 40 KM DISTANT.

3. ACCORDING TO THE POLISH EMBASSY THE NEW FRIENDSHIP TREATY REPLACES A TREATY THAT WAS CONCLUDED IN THE EARLY POST-WAR PERIOD AND SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED SEVERAL TIMES. THE OLD TREATY CONTAINS REFERENCES "DEUTSCHLAND" AND REUNIFICATION WHICH ARE ELIMINATED IN THE NEW DOCUMENT. OUR SOURCE SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THE TREATY AND DID NOT KNOW HOW IT TREATS BERLIN AND INNER-GERMAN ISSUES.

4. THE VISIT WILL APPARENTLY ALSO SEE RATIFICATIONS OF PERSPECTIVE GOALS FOR POST-1980 ECONOMIC COOPERATION.
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OUR SOURCE SAID THE GOALS ARE INDICATIVE ONLY, WITH CONCRETE TARGETS NOT TO BE NAILED DOWN UNTIL THE END OF 1978. POLANSKY

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